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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An organosilicone compound comprising a unit of formula I

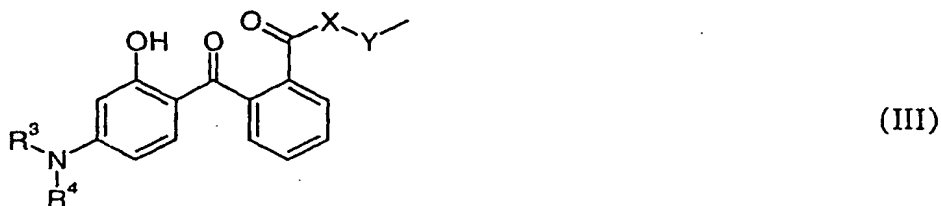


wherein

a is 0, 1 or 2,

R¹ is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₃₀hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group; and

Z is an amino substituted hydroxybenzophenone of formula III



wherein

R³ and R⁴ independently are hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀alkyl, C₂-C₂₀alkenyl, C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl or R³ and R⁴, together with the nitrogen atom they are bound to, form a 5 to 6 membered ring;

X is -O- or -NR⁵- wherein R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀alkyl, C₂-C₂₀alkenyl, C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; and

Y is a divalent C₃-C₁₂alkylene or alkenylene chain;

and, optionally, a unit of formula II



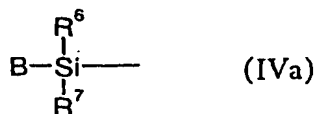
wherein

b is 0, 1, 2, 3; and

R² is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₃₀hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group.

2. A linear diorgano-siloxane polymer comprising one structural unit of formula IVa and one structural unit of formula IVb

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s units of formula IVc



and r units of formula IVd



wherein

Z is as defined in claim 1;

 $\text{R}^1, \text{R}^6, \text{R}^7, \text{R}^8, \text{R}^9, \text{R}^{10}$ and R^{11} independently are as defined in claim 1 for R^2 ;B and B' independently are a group Z or a group R^2 ;

r is an integer from 0 to 200; and

s is an integer from 0 to 50, wherein at least B or B' is Z when s is 0.

3. A process for the preparation of an organosilicone compound according to claim 1 comprising reacting (hydrosilylating) an organosilicone compound comprising a unit of formula VI



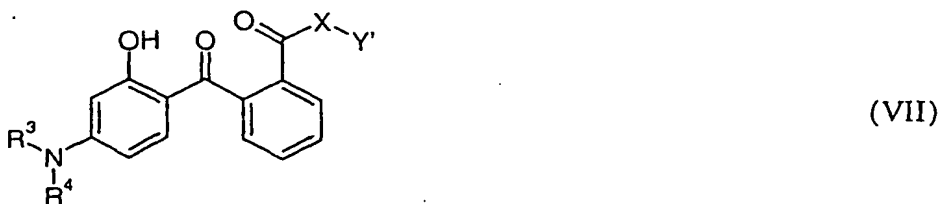
wherein

a is 0, 1 or 2; and

 R^1 is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C_1 - C_{30} hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group;

and, optionally, a unit of formula II according to claim 1,

with a compound of formula VII



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in which R^3 , R^4 and X are as defined in claim 1 and Y' has the same definition as Y in claim 1, but is terminated either with a double or a triple bond.

4. A cosmetic composition comprising an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 together with cosmetically accepted adjuvants and additives.
5. A cosmetic composition comprising an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 for protecting human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated.
6. A method to the protection of human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated which comprises topically applying an effective amount of an organosilicone compound as in claim 1.
7. Use of an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 for protecting human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated.
8. The invention substantially as described hereinbefore, especially with reference to the Examples.
